THE CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

December 5, 2007 Staff Report

REQUEST FOR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION FOR AN EXEMPT FACILITY PROJECT

Prepared by Brady Hill.

Project Name:	Allied Waste North America, Inc.
Allocation Amount Requested:	\$175,000,000
Applicant:	California Municipal Finance Authority

• Various locations as noted in the following table:

Facility Name	Facility Address	County	
Keller Canyon Landfill	901 Bailey Road, Bay Point, 94565	Contra Costa	
Contra Costa Transfer	951 Waterbird Way, Martinez, 94553	Contra Costa	
Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa	441 North Buchanan Circle, Pacheco, 94553	Contra Costa	
County			
Allied Waste Services of Fresno	5501 North Golden State Boulevard, 93722	Fresno	
BFI Rice Road Transfer Station	10463 North Rice Road, Fresno, 93730	Fresno	
Allied Waste Services of Imperial	3354 Dogwood Road, Imperial, 92251	Imperial	
Allied Imperial Landfill	104 East Robinson Road, Imperial, 92251	Imperial	
Allied Waste Services of Sacramento	3326 Fitzgerald Road, Rancho Cordova,	Sacramento	
	95742		
Palomar Transfer Station	5960 Camino Real, Carlsbad, 92008	San Diego	
Allied Waste Services of Chula Vista	881 Energy Way, Chula Vista, 91911	San Diego	
Sycamore Landfill	8514 Mast Boulevard, Santee, 92071	San Diego	
Allied Waste Services of San Diego	8364 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San	San Diego	
	Diego, 92111		
Viejas Bin Site	7850 Campbell Ranch Road, Alpine, 91901	San Diego	
Borrego Landfill	2449 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs,	San Diego	
	92004		
Boulevard Bin Site	41097 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 91905	San Diego	
Campo Bin Site	1515 Buckman Springs Road, Campo,	San Diego	
	91906		
Otay Landfill	17001 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, 91911	San Diego	
Barrett Junction Bin Site	1090 Barrett Lake Road, Dulzura, 91917	San Diego	
Julian Bin Site	500 Pleasant View Drive, Julian, 92036	San Diego	
Palomar Mountain Bin Site	22090 East Grade Road SR-S7, Palomar	San Diego	
	Mountain, 92060		
Ramona Landfill	20630 Pamo Road, Ramona, 92065	San Diego	
Ranchita Bin Site	37570 Montezuma Valley Road, Ranchita,	San Diego	
	92066		
Independent Trucking	1145 West Charter Way, Stockton, 95206	San Joaquin	
Allied Waste Sunrise Sanitation	1145 West Charter Way, Stockton, 95206 San Joa		
Allied Waste Sunset Disposal	1145 West Charter Way, Stockton, 95206	San Joaquin	
Allied Waste Lathrop Sanitation Services	1145 West Charter Way, Stockton, 95206 San Joaquin		

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Allied Waste Services of San Joaquin	1145 West Charter Way, Stockton, 95206	San Joaquin
County		
Allied Waste Services of Daly City	1680 Edgeworth Avenue, Daly City, 94015	San Mateo
BFI Mussel Rock Transfer Station	1680 Edgeworth Avenue, Daly City, 94015	San Mateo
Ox Mountain Landfill	12310 San Mateo Road, Half Moon Bay,	San Mateo
	94019	
Newby Island Landfill	1601 Dixon Landing Road, Building 1,	Santa Clara
	Milpitas, 95035	

Project Sponsor Information:

Name: Allied Waste North America, Inc. and Affiliates

Address: 18500 North Allied Way

Phoenix, AZ 85054

Principals: John J. Zillmer, Robert Agate, Charles H. Cotros, James W.

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James P. Zeumer

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Project User Information:

Name: Same as Project Sponsor
Address: Same as Project Sponsor
Contact: Same as Project Sponsor
Phone: Same as Project Sponsor

Project Financing Information:

Bond Counsel: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP

Underwriter: Banc of America Securities LLC

Credit Enhancement Provider: Bank of America (Letter of Credit)

Private Placement Purchaser: Not applicable

TEFRA Hearings: January 30, 2007; February 12, 2007; February 13, 2007;

February 20, 2007; February 27, 2007

Project Sponsor's principal activity: According to the application, the Project Sponsor's principal activity is the collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste.

First Tier Business (Yes/No): No

Regulatory Mandate (Yes/No): Yes

Sources of Funds:

Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds		\$1/5,000,000
_	Other Sources	\$ 67,999,447
	Total Sources	\$242,999,447
Uses of Funds:		
Equipment (Containe	\$ 28,683,735	
Equipment (Trucks)		\$ 57,714,100
Equipment (Primary)	\$ 13,059,124	
Landfill Expenditures	\$140,379,275	
Buildings & Facility Improvements		\$ 1,300,000
Cost of Issuance		\$ 1,863,213
	Total Uses	\$242,999,447

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Description of Proposed Project: According to the application, the proposed project consists of improvements to (a) existing landfill facilities, including (i) construction of new disposal cells and liners within currently permitted acreage, (ii) additions and improvements to the leachate collection and treatment system, including leachate trenching, (iii) additions and improvements to the methane gas system, (iv) installation of new liners for intermittent and final closure of completed sections of the landfill facilities, (v) facility improvements, (vi) acquisition of land, and (vii) acquisition of other equipment and assets necessary to support the foregoing improvements and to place them into service, and to (b) existing hauling and transfer station facilities, including (i) acquisition of new solid waste collection vehicles, containers, and related equipment, (ii) solid waste disposal sorting and processing equipment, (iii) facility improvements, and (iv) acquisition of other equipment and assets necessary to support the foregoing improvements and to place them in service.

Environmental impact:

- 1) <u>Air Quality:</u> According to the application, the improved capacity and efficiency of the Transfer Stations will reduce air pollution by reducing the length of truck routes and the number of trucks on the road due to the centralization of transfer stations within the service areas. In addition, the Project Sponsor will continue to proactively monitor and improve its leachate collection and treatment systems and make additions and improvements to its methane gas systems at landfills located within the State of California.
- 2) <u>Water Quality:</u> According to the application, the construction of new landfill cells at the landfill facilities included in the Project, will ensure protection of groundwater due to state-of-the-art liners and systems for mitigating infiltration and runoff of water seeping through the refuse.
- 3) Energy Efficiency: According to the application, the construction and/or expansion of transfer stations will improve energy efficiency by reducing the length of the truck routes and the number of trucks on the road due to the centralization of transfer stations within the service areas. In addition, the purchase of new replacement trucks and equipment will improve fuel economy.
- 4) Recycling of Commodities: According to the application, the purchase of new recycling collection vehicles will allow the Project Sponsor to help reduce the levels of municipal solids that otherwise would be deposited into the landfills.
- 5) <u>Safety and Compliance</u>: According to the application, the Project Sponsor is in compliance with all the state and federal environmental regulations regarding the operation of the proposed facility and its existing facilities that it currently operates.
- 6) Consumer Costs Savings and Efficiencies: None indicated.

Other public benefit provided by the project: According to the application, lower interest rates through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds will make the Project Sponsor more competitive and will enable them to continue operating and employing nearly 2,400 people in California.

Local government support: The Project Sponsor indicates that it has support from each of the California political jurisdictions in which the Company operates and provides solid waste collection and disposal services; and seeks to be an active member of the community and a strong corporate participant in the State through employment opportunities, recycling programs, community education and other neighborhood oriented programming.

Legal Questionnaire: No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Committee approve \$33,900,000 in tax-exempt bond allocation on a carryforward basis.